



## Newsletter – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The first full school week has come to an end for our Lancaster Avenue Nursery and Year 1 – Year 6 children. It has been great to see you all again! There have been some subtle changes to things in school and your children have been fantastic. Over summer, our staff have worked really hard to ensure that everything is in place for your children returning to school. We are always looking at new ways to improve our provision and learning environments so that your children experience the very best and you may have seen there have been some 'upgrades' and 'additions' taking place over summer, including:

- new furniture and flooring in Y1/2TL for our 'continuous provision' approach;
- a new outdoor wooden canopy at the rear of school for Reception, Y1NT and Y1/2TL;
- the replacement of all the external windows and doors across school and
- all Key Stage 2 classrooms have been painted.



We will continue to '**never settle for less than our best**' when it comes to improving our school in all areas.

**Reception and Nursery children** – This week, our staff have been undertaking 'home visits' for our new nursery children (Darlington St) and Reception children, as next week, they make the next step in their lives by starting at our school. Staff will be out slightly earlier on Monday as we welcome all Reception children for their first day at school. For new Darlington Street Nursery parents/carers, please walk down to the path towards our nursery and wait at the nursery door when it is your child's first session. We look forward to seeing you all next week. Please see below a reminder of all school start and finish times for this year:

Year groups	Date starting back at school/nursery	Arriving		Leaving
		Doors open	Doors closed	Doors open
Year 1 – Year 6	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	8:45am (bell)	8:55am (bell)	3:15pm
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00am	As children arrive	3:00pm
Reception	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	8:45am (bell)	8:55am (bell)	3:15pm
Darlington Street Nursery	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	8:50am	9:05am	3:00pm



**Seesaw (Home Learning)** – This year, teachers will be continuing with the use of the online platform Seesaw to: communicate with you at home and to set weekly home learning. Please see your child's teacher if you have any difficulties logging on to Seesaw. Children will require a device at home to access their Seesaw account – **we do have some devices in school which are available for families to loan and so please contact the school office if your child requires support in order to access their home learning on Seesaw.** Paper copies of all home learning will be made available in the classroom for your child to take if they wish. **Weekly home learning will be set on a Friday, to be returned for the following Friday.** More time will be provided for any longer term 'projects'. Click the link below to access our full Home Learning Policy: <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/21/Home%20Learning%20Policy%202021.pdf>

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### Class pages on school website

For information about your child's class, make sure you refer to their class page on the school website:



Class	Link to page on website
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/nurseryProvisionLA.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/nurseryProvisionLA.html</a>
Darlington Street Nursery	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/nurseryProvisionDS.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/nurseryProvisionDS.html</a>
Reception: KB	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/ClassesRKB.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/ClassesRKB.html</a>
Reception: TK	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/ClassesRTK.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/ClassesRTK.html</a>
Year 1NT	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes1NT.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes1NT.html</a>
Year 1/2OB	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes12TL.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes12TL.html</a>
Year 2JY	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes2JY.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes2JY.html</a>
Year 3LK	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes3LK.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes3LK.html</a>
Year 3/4CS	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes34CS.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes34CS.html</a>
Year 4CB	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes4CB.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes4CB.html</a>
Year 5HJ	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes5HJ.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes5HJ.html</a>
Year 5/6NC	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes56NC.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes56NC.html</a>
Year 6AM	<a href="https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes6AM.html">https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Classes6AM.html</a>



For school and class information in 'real time', make sure you follow our teachers in school on Twitter. My Twitter account links to the opening page of the school website (Mr Grogan @MrGSGC). Below are current Twitter accounts from school staff:

Lancaster Ave @LancAveSGC	Mrs Davies @MrsDSGC	Miss Beswick @MissBSGC	Miss Killian @missksgc
Miss Taylor @MissTSGC	Mrs Leech @MrsLSGC	Mr Young @MrYSGC	Mr Kenny @MrKSGC
Mr Simmons @MrSimSGC	Miss Billington: @MissCBSGC	Mrs Jeffries @MrsJeffriesSGC	Mr Cooke @MrCookeSGC
Mrs Malley @MrsMalleySGC	Miss Gray @missvgsgc	Mr Grogan @MrGSGC	

**Our School App** – To ensure that you don't miss out on any key events over the course of the school year, on your mobile phone you can download 'Our School App' (the green logo on the left) and search for St. George's Central. You will be able to save our school as your home page and this will provide you with quick links to our school website, Facebook page, my Twitter account and other key information. A great feature of this App is that we can add dates of all the key events taking place in school which this will 'sync' to your phone calendar and you will receive reminders.



**Secondary School applications** – On Monday morning next week, all children in Year 6 will walk to Fred Longworth High School for a taster morning. It is not too early to start talking about Secondary School applications as most schools will be organising their 'open evenings/virtual tours' soon. The closing date for Secondary School applications is **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021** and so make sure you spend the next few weeks having a look at what is on offer within the community.

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**Welcome to our School Worship** – On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, we look forward to welcoming the parents/carers of all our Reception children into school for a special ‘Welcome to our School’ Worship. Rector Martin will lead this special Worship with our Reception children. Due to space, we are asking that only **one family member per child attends** this service which will start at 9:10am. If your child is in Reception, they will come home with a letter next week with further information about this.



**Harvest celebrations in school and church** – Children from St. George’s Central will start Harvest celebrations in school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Rector Martin will lead a service at 9:10am involving Reception and KS1 children and the service with KS2 children will start at 2:30pm. Due to the number of classes involved, and the space available, we are unable to safely accommodate any family members at either of these services on the day. Each class will be contributing to the services, which will be co-ordinated by Mrs Jeffries. Our children are also invited to be part of a Harvest Service at St. George’s Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September as part of the 10:00am service – a letter will be sent out about this over the next few weeks. For Harvest gifts this year we are again asking that children bring in a food item from home (please bring these in W/C Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September). As a result of the ‘Show your Support for England’ Days last summer, we now have a firm link with Atherton and Leigh Foodbank and so we will be asking staff from the foodbank to come and collect all the items you donate to school.

**School photographs** – We will receive our first visit of the year from the school photographer on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. On this day he will visit both our Darlington Street School site for the morning and our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site for the afternoon. This year:

- \*photographs will be taken of children either individually or with school based siblings (see next bullet point);
- \*only children who attend St. George’s Central CE Primary School and Nursery will be photographed;
- \*any Darlington Street Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Monday morning are invited to bring their child to school at 9:00am to have their photograph taken;
- \*any Lancaster Avenue Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Monday afternoon are invited to bring their child to nursery at 1:00pm to have their photograph taken.

All children will have their photograph taken and a small ‘sample’ photograph will be sent home for you to decide if you would like to complete any purchases.



Children and staff at our school regularly take part in lots of sporting events which are organised by ATSA (Atherton and Tyldesley Sports Association). See below for all the events that will be taking place during this first half term:

ATSA event	Children	Date of event	Venue
Sports Council meeting	Y6 Sports Council members	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 1:30pm – 3pm	SGC school hall
VX Taster Session	Y5/6 team	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 4pm – 5pm	FLHS sports hall
Quicksticks Competition (Hockey)	Y5/6 team	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 4pm start	FLHS MUGA pitch
Boxing Taster Session	2 x Y5/6	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 4pm – 5pm	SGC school hall
Kickstarterz (Pre-School Sports Skills)	Reception	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 4pm – 4:45pm	SGC school hall

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**Autumn Term (1<sup>st</sup> half) ATSA events continued:**

ATSA event	Children	Date of event	Venue
Yoga Taster Session	Y5/6	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 4pm – 4:45pm	SGC school hall
Futsal Competition	Y3/Y4 team	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 4:15pm – 5:30pm	FLHS sports hall
Cross Country Competition	Y3 – Y6 team	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 1st race: 2:00pm	ACS field

For more information about ATSA, look on the website: [www.atsa.org.uk](http://www.atsa.org.uk), look for the green logo (on the previous page) on Facebook or search for 'atsa2011' on Instagram.

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October (paper copies will be available in the letter holders in the entrance area and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery). Have a great month.



Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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